

the lease of part or the sale of the whole of the Hall of the Society, and to report to the Society on such propositions as they may receive in the premises."

And the Society was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, July 17, 1863.*

Present, eight members.

Professor CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from James McClune, dated Philadelphia, May 30th, 1863.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of publications were received from the Royal Academy at Göttingen, dated May 7th; the New York State Library, June 22d; the Boston Public Library, June 6th; Captain Gilliss, United States Navy, June 22d; and the Chicago Historical Society, June 23d, 1863.

Letters announcing donations for the Library were received from O. Reichenbach, dated Philadelphia, June 10th, and from the Bureau of Navigation, dated Washington, June 11th, 1863.

Donations for the Library were received from the Smithsonian Institution: the Chicago Historical Society; F. Leyboldt; Blanchard & Lea; the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia; the California Academy of Natural Sciences; the Franklin Institute; the American Antiquarian Society; American Oriental Society; New York University; Connecticut Historical Society; Dr. O. Reichenbach; Bath and West of England Society; Prince Maximilian; Royal Astronomical Society at Göttingen; Imperial Society of Naturalists at Moscow; German Geological Society; and Society of Sciences at Haarlem.

The death of George Alexander Otis, of Boston, a late

member of the Society, on the 23d of June, 1863, aged 81, was announced by Dr. Bache.

Pending nominations Nos. 494 to 505 were read.

On motion of Dr. Bache, Nos. 503 and 504 were postponed on account of the absence of the proposers. The balloting was then proceeded with.

On the report of the Finance Committee, an appropriation for paying the bill of C. Sherman, Son & Co. was passed.

The Special Committee on the lease or sale of the Hall, appointed at the last meeting, presented the following report and resolutions :

“The Special Committee appointed for the purpose of receiving and reporting any propositions that may be made for the lease of a part, or the purchase of the whole of the Hall of the Society, respectfully state :

“That after several conferences with parties representing the City authorities, the following ordinance has been passed by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, and approved by the Mayor.

“An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to lease the building from the American Philosophical Society for the use of the Departments.

“SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor be and he is hereby directed to lease, for a term of five years, from the American Philosophical Society, the two lower stories of their building on the west side of Fifth Street, below Chestnut Street, at an annual rent of three thousand dollars, payable quarterly. Provided that the said American Philosophical Society will agree to sell the same to the City for a sum not exceeding seventy-eight thousand dollars any time within the said period of five years.

“SECTION 2. That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to the Commissioner of City Property to pay the rent of said building for the year 1863, the warrants for which shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

“The Committee have in the negotiations agreed that in the event of the acceptance of the terms of the ordinance by the Society, the sum of four hundred dollars shall be allowed out of the first quarter's rent for the purpose of making such repairs and alterations as will fit the premises for the use of the City.

“They submit the following resolutions for the action of the Society.

“*Resolved*, That the Society agree to the terms of the ordinance of the City of Philadelphia, entitled An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to lease the building belonging to the American Philosophical Society for the use of the Departments, approved July 1, 1863, and that the President and Treasurer be authorized to execute and deliver to the City such contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry the same into effect on the part of the Society.

“*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to deduct from the first quarter's rent payable by the City under said ordinance, the sum of four hundred dollars as an allowance for such repairs and alterations as the City may desire to make in the premises for the purpose of fitting them for its use.

“*Resolved*, That any repairs or alterations in the premises shall be made under the direction and with the consent of the Hall Committee.”

The report was considered, and the resolutions thereto attached were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be presented to the Society at its next meeting for confirmation.

On motion, the Special Committee was continued for the purpose of superintending the preparation of the papers.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot-boxes were opened by the presiding officer, and the following named persons were declared duly elected members of the Society.

Dr. R. A. F. Penrose, of Philadelphia.

Dr. R. M. S. Jackson, U. S. A., of Cresson, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peter W. Sheaffer, of Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. John Biddle, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Henry Hartshorne, of Philadelphia.

Dr. D. F. Eschricht, of Copenhagen.

Dr. C. G. N. David, of Copenhagen.

Dr. Frederick Keller, of Zurich.

Prof. A. Delesse, of Paris.

Prof. A. Daubrée, of Strasbourg.

And the Society was adjourned.